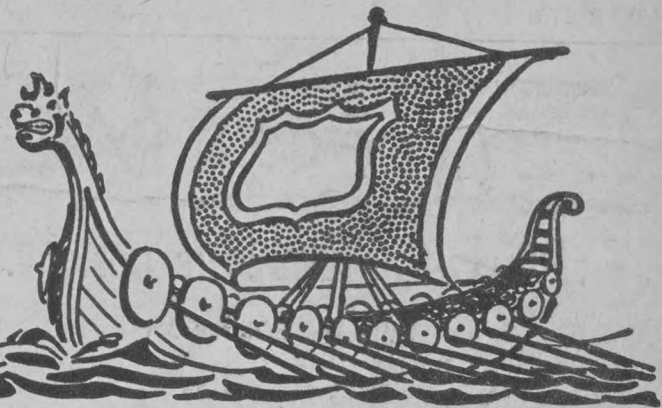




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The Leif Erikson Story



COLLEEN COUVES
... likes anthropology

Congratulations to Miss Colleen Couves for being chosen 'Miss Freshette' in an annual competition at the University of Manitoba. Colleen is the lovely 18-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Cecil Couves, and is a first year student of anthropology.

ADDRESSES NEEDED!

We have been forced to cancel the following names from the mailing list of the Scandinavian Centre News because we are unable to locate their addresses. If you can supply the location of any of these people, please phone S. A. Sorenson at 424-7311, as we are certainly anxious to have ALL shareholders receiving the paper.

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Fru Dora Thorhallsdottir In Memoriam

A feeling of sadness swept over the Icelandic Community of Edmonton, when the sorrowful news of the death of Fru Dora Thorhallsdottir reached here.

Many local residents will recall, with personal pleasure, the opportunity of meeting this gracious lady, as she accompanied her distinguished husband, His Excellency, Asgeir Asgeirsson, the President of Iceland, when they visited Edmonton, on their continental tour, in September, 1961.

By her sincere love of all people and by her aristocratic bearing she was well-fitted to act as the First Lady of Iceland. The warm hospitality shown to all visitors to Bessastadir, the presidential home near Reykjavik, reflected the genuine characters of these two leading citizens of the Republic of Iceland.

As a daughter of the former Bishop of Iceland, and by inheritance from a long line of eminent churchmen, she was a child of true refinement and learning. Her influence for good was far-reaching, and her passing has brought wide-spread sorrow to all her countrymen.

Memorial services in Bessastadir Church, and later funeral services in the Cathedral in Reykjavik were conducted when dignitaries and friends attended an impressive, respectful, and deeply moving tribute, to her memory.

The musical portions of the services were sung by combined choirs, and included hymns composed by former churchmen in her family background; and suitable organ music, chosen from classical sources were played by the organist, Dr. Pall Kr. Palsson.

Among the pallbearers were the Honorable, Dr. Bjarni Benediktson, the Prime Minister, and his cabinet. Cremation followed with the final resting place being Bessastadir Church.

Sincere and heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved family and to the nation is offered by the Icelandic Society of Edmonton.

SORENSEN, Christian.
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TAJE, Ernest C.
WALLIN, Herman A.
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Radio Address October 11, 1964
S. A. Sorenson

October 9th was Leif Erikson Day and was celebrated by Scandinavians all over the world. It is fitting, therefore, that we should pay tribute to Leif Erikson today.

The story of Leif Erikson falls into three parts:

1. His trans-Atlantic trip from Greenland to Norway in 999 A.D.;
2. His historic discovery of Vineland, North America in 1003 A.D.;
3. His stewardship of the Norwegian Greenland Colony (1004 - 1065).

The Norsemen were the first Europeans to leave the coast line and venture into uncharted seas. As their homeland was not, and is not, a rich land, 70% being covered with mountains, glacier and moor, they went abroad seeking loot with which to enrich themselves. Leif's father, Eric the Red, was one of these adventurers. He had settled in the Norwegian Colony of Iceland in 970. It was here that Leif was born. By 980 Eric the Red had founded the first European colony in the Western Hemisphere - Greenland. Iceland nor Greenland was an improvement upon their native land, so they sought still further adventure.

SETS SAIL FOR NORWAY

It is not strange, therefore, that we find Leif, a young man of 20 setting sail for Norway. On his arrival at Nidaros (now Trondheim) he proceeded immediately to the court of Olaf Tryggvason. He spent the winter there and got on well with the king. Two things happened to Leif Erikson - first, he became a Christian, for Christianity had just reached Norway and King Olaf had converted him; and secondly, he heard more wondrous tales of the Fortunate Isles which inspired him to sail westward in quest of them.

On arriving home in Greenland he heard still another story - the story of Bjarni Heriulfsson. He went to see him. It appears that Bjarni had set sail from Iceland to see his father, who had settled in Greenland. A terrific storm took his ship hundreds of miles southward out of its course. When the storm subsided and the fog cleared, he sailed westward and saw land, but it was not Greenland as he had expected, for it was a low-wooded shore with a sandy beach. He would not set ashore, and this dismayed his crew greatly, he continued north-east, and after two days saw a second land. Its topography was similar to that of the first, and so Bjarni would not land, but sailed on. After three

days more they saw yet a third land, with a rough rugged coast and ice-capped mountains in the interior. This again, Bjarni concluded, was not the Greenland he was seeking. So they sailed north-east for yet another four days and saw a fourth land. Here were the ice-mountains in the background, and so it was found to be Greenland.

It was quite obvious that Bjarni had no desire to explore further the wonderlands that he had by chance spotted, and so Leif bargained with him for his long-ship and made preparations to discover these wonderlands for himself. He took 35 men and 1 woman. He persuaded his father to accompany him, but on the way to the ship he fell off his horse and injured himself, and so remained behind.

DISCOVERS AMERICA

Leif retraced the journey of Bjarni, but in reverse. His first landfall was Bjarni's third, and what latest research indicates as Newfoundland. The crew embarked, but they soon decided that this could not be the Fortunate Isles, and so they sailed southward, coming to a second land of low-wooded shores. On landing on what we believe to be a part of Nova Scotia, perhaps Cape Breton Island, they again decided that this was not the land for which they were seeking. Southward for two days more they sailed, until they came to a Cape of low-wooded shores. They followed a river inland to a small lake. Here it was that they disembarked and made preparations for a winter that did not come, for the grass remained green all the year round. HERE Leif built his large stone house. HERE they found the luscious grapes and the vines for rope-making. HERE the salmon were teeming. This indeed was the Fortunate Isles, and so they christened it WINELAND.

RETURN TO GREENLAND

In the spring of the year Leif and his crew loaded their ship with the riches of the new land and returned to Greenland. We can imagine the rejoicing and the jubilation, with which they were met. His friends christened him "Leif, the Lucky."

He had no sooner gotten back than he began making plans for a second voyage, but fate destined otherwise. His father died, and he had to take over the stewardship of the colony - rule and deal with disputes, measure crops, plan the shearing of sheep, the collection of driftwood, the rearing of churches - instead of going on the quest of

Wonderlands whose wonderstrands he had barely touched. Leif was not dismayed, however, and he gave up much for the comfort and care of others - that further adventure remained a wistful dream. Time, labour and the press of the days forbade the search. So he died at Brattalid, his father's house, in 1065. But he is not forgotten and his memory will live as long as there are Norsemen alive to tell the tale.

RECOGNITION ADVANCING

Today, general recognition of Leif Erikson as the discoverer of our western continent is gradually advancing. His voyage to North America in the year 1003, the subsequent expedition of his brother, Torvald, and by Torfinn Karlseve, who came with three ships and 160 people to colonize Vinland, as well as voyages between Iceland and Greenland and the American continent up to the middle of the 14th century, are well established facts.

It was in August of 1947 that Frederick Pohl and his wife spent their holidays at Follins Pond, Cape Cod, Rhode Island, and discovered the mooring holes in the rocks, made and used by the Vikings to anchor their ships.

Then last year, Dr. Helge Ingstad, explorer and archaeologist, unearthed the remains of a Viking settlement at J'Anse Aux Meadows, Newfoundland. He found vine structures and a primitive smithy. The biggest house, measuring 65 x 45 feet, had five rooms and a Viking style grand hall with an open hearth in the middle. Radio carbon dating of charcoal from the ruins indicates that the site was occupied around 1000 A.D.

A year ago, Dr. Junius Bird, Curator of Archaeology at the American Museum of Natural History, and Dr. Henry B. Collins, a Smithsonian Institute Anthropologist, visited the excavation site. Dr. Bird declared that the site is, without question, of pre-Columbian Norse origin.

Dr. MacNeish of Ottawa recently spoke to 300 persons at the Mathematics - Physics Building at the University of Alberta. He said . . . "The first European to discover America was proved this year to be a Viking, most probably Leif Erikson . . ." The National Museum had definitely been skeptical at first, but now is fully satisfied of its authenticity.

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...EDITORIAL...

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK . . .

BY S. A. SORENSON



In a democratic society, we often forget that with the FREEDOM we enjoy, there goes RESPONSIBILITY. The surest way to drift away from democratic living is for the individual to shirk responsibilities.

Now that the Scandinavian Centre has gotten off to a wonderful start, it would be a poor time for anyone of us to shirk our responsibilities. There are approximately 2,000 members, each one of us has a responsibility to see that the Centre develops into the kind of institution which we have all dreamed about.

FIRST—will it be a community-minded Centre with a Scandinavian flavour?

SECOND—Are we prepared to put forward the effort to make a substantial contribution of that which is good in the Scandinavian background to an emerging Canadianism?

Let us accept the responsibility that should reasonably be ours, so that we will not fall short of our objectives. Remember, the Edmonton community is expecting much of us.

Recently Mr. Bob Allen of the Scottish Society phoned me. In the course of the conversation he said, "You have accomplished what we still hope to accomplish."

At the United Nations Cafeteria and Ball held at the Centre on October 17th I started chatting with the people next to me. They were of English descent. When I spoke to them of our objectives in the Centre they wanted to know if they could buy shares. They took application forms with them, and I feel they are going to invest.

LET'S FINISH THE JOB

The canvassers listed elsewhere in this paper have accepted a big responsibility — the selling of the balance of the 1964 share issue of 1,000. As of October 1st there were 457 shares left to sell. At the time of writing 17 shares have been sold, thus leaving 440 shares to be sold. The money is urgently needed to pay off our debt at the bank. Further expansion at the Centre would be foolish without first paying off this debt. Our credit is good, but we want to keep it that way. Canvassers and shareholders . . . now indeed is no time to shirk our responsibility! WE MUST FINISH THE JOB!

PRESIDENT JOHNSON DECLARES OCT. 9 "LEIF ERIKSON DAY" . . .

Yes, October 9, 1964, was a big day for Scandinavians everywhere. Finally official recognition has been given to the fact that the first European to discover America was Leif Erikson in 1003 A.D.

Much credit must go to the Leif Erikson Association Inc. of Los Angeles. In the year 1961 they presented a massive petition to the Congress of the United States. (The Scandinavian Centre of Edmonton was part of this petition). Because of this, and because of the discoveries of the Viking ruins in Newfoundland last year, President Johnson saw fit to declare October 9th as Leif Erikson Day. (See the Leif Erikson Story elsewhere in this issue).

DIRECTORS MEET OCTOBER 13TH . . .

The Directors: P. N. Christensen, K. Holm-Pedersen, J. Rama, I. E. Johnson, G. A. Larson, Harold Markstrom, Leif Oddson, Mrs. R. Sivertsen, K. L. Svidal, Mrs. Elsie Comin, and S. A. Sorenson — deliberated until the early hours of the morning. Here are the results:

- To install a suitable exhaust system in the Viking Room; to put acoustic tile on the ceiling of the Nordic Room; to purchase 75 more stacking chairs.
- Charter Flight Committee: Mrs. Linnea Lodge, Mrs. Elsie Comin and Mrs. Vera Nielsen — to take complete charge of these charter flights planned for the 1965 holiday season.
- The Scandinavian Ladies' Committee: Mrs. R. Sivertsen, Mrs. Vera Nielsen, Mrs. Elsie Simmons, Mrs. Margaret Cameron, Mrs. Bertha Rama, Mrs. Mazie Amdam — is in charge of the NEW YEAR'S EVE FROLIC at the new Scandinavian Centre.
- Knud Holm-Pedersen, J. Rama, Eric Pierre, Mrs. R. Sivertsen and Leif Oddson (or a representative) are the committee in charge of ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN NIGHT at the Jubilee Auditorium on January 30, 1965.
- 17 new applications for shares were accepted.

- The Building Committee will proceed with the completion of the kitchen area in the basement.
- The development of a Sauna Bath was given serious consideration. G. A. Larson presented a thorough report on the subject.
- Consideration is to be given to the novel idea of a REVOLVING STAGE for the Scandapades Program on January 30th, 1965. The stage could later be used at the Centre.
- Post cards will be produced as a means of advertising the Centre, upon recommendation of Leif Oddson who is in charge of advertising.
- The Harvest Dance netted a profit of \$258.75.

Dania Gymnastic Club Holds Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Dania Gymnastic Club was held on October 16th in conjunction with an enjoyable supper and dance at the Scandinavian Centre.

Mrs. Jelhof Jensen was re-elected as President by acclamation, while Svend Aage Kristiansen became Vice-President replacing Sigrid Nielsen who wished to retire from the executive.

Also elected were Alvin Jones as Member at Large, and Grace Wagter as auditor.

Other members of the executive not up for election this year are Jorgen Quitau, Treasurer, Arne Welling, Secretary; Ingeborg Kristiansen, member at large; and Sven Illum, publicity.

We would like to draw your attention to the information contained in the Club Bulletin Board regarding the schedule of gymnastics for everybody at Oliver School. It is certainly not too late to get started on some well-planned enjoyable exercise which will keep you feeling better all winter.

By the way, I think it goes without saying that the supper and dance were a success, and that everybody enjoyed det bojtbelagte smorrebrod. How can it be otherwise when Scandinavians get together and have such a perfect frame as the Centre for their functions.

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PETITIONS GOVERNMENT

The Leif Erikson Association of Los Angeles, California, has done much to gather and summarize proofs, and win recognition that Leif Erikson was the discoverer of the American continent.

At a meeting of this Association on June 5, 1961, it was resolved to petition the Congress of the United States of America to permanently establish October 9th of each year as "Leif Erikson Day" in recognition of his discovery of America.

"LEIF ERIKSON DAY"

As a result, President Lyndon B. Johnson, on September 5, 1964, issued the following proclamation:

WHEREAS Leif Erikson, Norseman, son of Erik the Red and great seafarer, in the year 1000 valiantly explored the shores of the American Continent;

WHEREAS the intrepid exploits of the Vikings of Erikson's time strike a responsive chord in the hearts of all American people,

"I LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Friday, October 9, 1964, as Leif Erikson Day and direct Government officials to display the flag on all Government buildings on that day. Further, I invite the people of the United States to honor on that day the memory of Leif Erikson by holding appropriate exercises and ceremonies in schools and churches, or other suitable places."

It is now up to Scandinavian Canadians to see that our Canadian Government also proclaim October 9th as Leif Erikson Day in Canada.

Cultural Committee Met Recently

The Cultural Committee met recently to further plan "SCANDAPADES '65". Continued enthusiasm was expressed for them theme — "Looking Ahead with the Scandinavian Centre."

The exact plans for Scandapades '65 are still being kept "under wraps" but will probably be released at the meeting of the committee on Monday, October 19th.

Gustafsens To Celebrate Silver Wedding Anniversary

On Wednesday, November 18th, a well known Edmonton couple will celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Knud Gustafsen of 12844 - 96 Street, will mark their 25th anniversary on that date.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustafsen opened "Ann's Danish Bakery" on Edmonton's South Side ten years ago and since then have become well known far and near for their excellent rye bread and pastries. A few years ago they sold their South Side shop and built a modern up-to-date bakery and shop at 12823 - 97th Street, where business is flourishing.

The Gustafsens have one son, Hasse, who is an accomplished baker and works with them at the shop, along with his wife Ellis, and a small grandson, Kim, born in January this year.

We extend our warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gustafsen and wish them all the best on their anniversary and in the years to come.

Chuckles . . .

Planned

Overheard in a bar.
"I fainted. They brought me to, so I fainted again."
"Why?"
"Well, they brought me two more."

Affirmative

Two bachelor cronies met for the first time in five years.
Jim: "Tell, me, Joe, did you marry that girl, or do you still get your own breakfast?"
Joe: "Yes."

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Sunray Lodge Meets October 14th

On October 14th, Sunray Junior Lodge, Sons of Norway, met in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. A brief business meeting was held at which plans for the Fall and Winter Season were discussed. Lunch and a record hop followed.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 11th, in the Nordic Room. Arlene Amdam, Social Director, is in charge of arrangements. Her telephone number is 489-2404.

Sunray Bowling Opens October 17th

Under the direction of Mrs. K. Amdam the Sons of Norway Junior Lodge Bowlers opened their season on October 17th at the Windsor Bowl. Bowling will continue throughout the fall and winter season on every second Saturday. During November the dates are the 14th and the 28th at 9:30 a.m., Windsor Bowl, 10952 - 87 Avenue.

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The following canvassers have pledged themselves to finish the job, so that the Scandinavian Centre will be PAID FOR IN FULL. This is an appeal to every shareholder to help the canvassers to FINISH THE JOB. If you wish to buy a share, or if you have a friend who wants to join this fast-growing organization, phone your favorite canvasser today.

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DANIA DOINGS

"BIKUBEN" had an extremely interesting evening at their last meeting; it was held at the Scandinavian Centre and Miss Hazel Gaasa was kind enough to show her beautiful slides taken while she travelled this summer through the Holy Land, Egypt, Switzerland, and Italy, to name a few. Miss Kaasa is an excellent speaker, and the pictures really came to life with her narration. Everyone enjoyed themselves very much.

The next meeting will be on the same evening as Dania's whist drive — Monday, November 16th — at the Scandinavian Centre at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends and let's make this an evening of fun. Card playing will start at 8:30 p.m. sharp, and coffee will be served after the game. We hope to have a better attendance than at our last whist drive — so mark your calendar now and join us on November 16th.

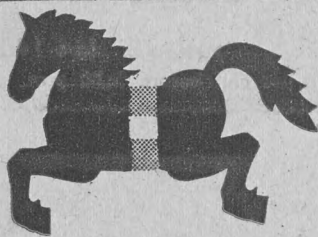
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THE ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN NIGHT Saturday, January 30, 1965

ICELANDIC NOTES

Mr. Steve Benediktson of Redwater, Alta., left on September 26 for Tulsa, Oklahoma. Steve was one of two men chosen from Western Canada to attend a 6-week course in Tulsa, sponsored by Imperial Oil, for whom he works.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Shaw entertained company from Calgary on the Thanksgiving Day weekend in October. The guests were Mickey's sister, Mrs. Lucille Lane and her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Egert Borgford.

Mrs. Howard Garnet of Victoria, B.C., has been in hospital in Victoria for three weeks. We hope you are feeling better now, Edna, and resting comfortably at home. All your friends in Edmonton wish you a speedy recovery.

Our good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Oliver are leaving Edmonton and moving to the Okanagan Valley. Ken is the congenial fellow who really brings our dances to life as master of ceremonies — not overlooking the dance he and his wife do at the end of the evening! He and Eileen will be greatly missed at the future dances and we all wish them good luck in their new home in B.C.

Miss Ila Arnfinson graduated from Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary as a registered nurse and is now working in this city at the University Hospital. Ila is the daughter of Mrs. Fusi Arnfinson.

The Icelandic Society members were very active participating in United Nations Week, October 17 - 24. On Saturday, October 17th our U.N. Queen candidate, Miss Carol Arason, rode perched prettily on a convertible in a parade down Jasper Avenue to open U.N. Week. Also in the parade were seven members of the Icelandic Society dressed in Icelandic costumes. The group was led by two young gentlemen, Howard and Robert McNaughton, carrying the Icelandic banner, followed by Mr. Leif Oddson, our club president, as flag bearer. Behind them walked four attractive girls in costume — Misses Lori Oddson, Gail Mitchell, Joan Olafson and Donna Rae Valgardson.

Mrs. Don Shaw was in charge of Icelandic Foods, donated by members for the International Cafe and Ball at the Scandinavian Centre on Saturday evening. Mickey was assisted in serving the food by Muriel and Carol Isfeld. A male shoir composed of Bill Halldorson, Fusi Arnfinson, Gus Rolland, Leif Oddson, Jake Hendrickson, Al Arnason, Victor Maxson, Byron Johnson, Walter Arason, Gunnar Thorvaldson and Steini Jonsson sang three songs in Icelandic at the U.N. Festival on October 23 at the Jubilee Auditorium.

The Icelandic Society members wonder who will win the GREY CUP FOOTBALL GAME this November!

Mr. and Mrs. H. Edgar of Lyleton, Manitoba are visiting at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. Thorvaldson.

Messrs. Clifford and Raymond Skagfeld of Oak Point, Manitoba, were weekend visitors to Edmonton. The men were returning to Manitoba after spending the summer in the far north with the Hudson's Bay Co. During their short stop-over

in Edmonton, they renewed many old acquaintances.

Our condolences are extended to Mrs. Gisli Gislason whose sister, Mrs. Vella Stevenson of Winnipeg, died recently. Mrs. Stevenson was 92 years of age and is survived by two daughters, Lil and Anna.

Mr. Gordon William Cameron, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Cameron, was married to Miss Penelope Alice Berry at Holy Trinity Church, October 17th. Congratulations and best wishes to the young couple.

Gus Ivan Johnson
Passes October 8th

On October 8th, Gus Ivan Johnson of 6607 - 108 Avenue passed away. He is survived by his wife, Emelie; two daughters, Siri and Brenda at home; a brother and sister in Nybro, Sweden.

Officiating at the service which was held on Saturday, October 10th was Reverend J. W. Bainbridge and interment was in Beechmount Cemetery.

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There was a good turnout of members when the October meeting was held in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. A round of enthusiasm was expressed over the new home for the lodge.

Visitors welcomed to the meeting were Floyd Modin and Arnie Dixon from Buford Lodge and Mr. and Mrs. George Holmberg and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bell from Lethbridge Lodge. The Lethbridge visitors were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ekman.

New members initiated were Wayne Swanson and John McCoy. Julius Hober was reported home from hospital and Gust Lundgren still in hospital.

Approximately 100 people were reported to have attended the opening dance at the new club house at Vasa Park with a good representation from Buford and Falun Lodges.

Vi Watson accepted the post of leader for the Children's Club with Margaret Eliasson and Alma Samuelson to assist her.

A new entertainment committee for the coming season was elected with Betty Pearson to act as leader. Following the meeting a delicious lunch was served.

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November 21st — Annual Lutefisk Dinner — Masonic Temple, 10318 - 100 Avenue.

A Note of Appreciation

We would be remiss if we could not take the time in our busy life to express appreciation and a special thank you to a number of people who have recently donated time, talent and gifts to our Lodge and through it to the Scandinavian Centre. Among these people are Lydia and Nels Naversteth who decorated so beautifully the Scandinavian Centre, in a harvest theme for the Harvest Dance held in September. This couple drove for miles to find that golden wheat which they tied up and used to frame the lights on the walls. The vegetables around the stage and the flowers all added that bit of subdued country color, reminding one of thanksgiving.

Mrs. Halvor Johnson has also given time and talent in various ways. The most recent of these was the donation of a beautiful Hardanger tea cloth. Much needed articles for the Centre were bought with the money received from the sale of this cloth. Handmade embroidery is a rare sight in homes these days, especially Norwegian. It is my hope that Mrs. Johnson will show some of us interested Canadian Homemakers how to do the beautiful Hardanger embroidery.

Last but not least thanks to Mr. Einar Overland who donated a number of fine books for our library (there is to be a library in

the Centre) and these books will be put on these shelves. Mr. Overland sold his home recently and is going to spend the winter at Spirit River, Alberta, with friends.

Ladies' Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary started off the fall season with a delicious "Rommegrot" treat at Mrs. R. Sivertsen's on September 30th. Future meetings will be held on a Friday to allow for larger attendance.

Mr. Joe Lineham is confined to the University Hospital having suffered severe injury in a motor accident Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Chin up Joe, everyone is pulling for you.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunder Waldal and girls spent an enjoyable six weeks holiday visiting Norway and Europe, during July and August. Mr. Waldal renewed acquaintances in his home town of Rorof, Norway, after an absence of 36 years. They motored from Norway to Yugoslavia and back and covered many miles in Norway visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Algot left the city Thanksgiving weekend for a months holiday, visiting at Victoria, B.C. and the Coastal States.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Amdam and Arlene visited with Maisie's sister in Calgary Thanksgiving weekend.

Mrs. Orla Tychsen spent a week at Hazlet, Saskatchewan, in October visiting her ailing mother.

Miss Ruth Hammerstad spent a month of summer holidays with her brothers at Peace River.

Miss Bertha Sueinungaard is now residing at 6307 - 84 Avenue. Congratulations on your business venture, Bertha.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ness enjoyed the holiday weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ness at Vulcan, Alberta.

Mrs. A. K. Nelson
Passes October 6th

On October 6th, 1964, Mrs. Amanda Karolina Nelson of 11527 - 67 Street passed away quietly at the age of 71 years. Surviving are two sons, Albert of Calgary; Art of Red Deer; three daughters, Mrs. Gus (Helga) Johnson of Edmonton; Mrs. Charles (Vera) Knox of Hayter, Alberta; Mrs. George (Mabel) Atkins of Macklin, Saskatchewan; twenty grandchildren and two great grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Ida Liden of Skone, Sweden.

Funeral services were held at Provost Lutheran Church, Provost, Alberta. Interment in the Provost Cemetery in the family plot. Her husband John Nelson predeceased her on May 2, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson came from Vesterbotten, Sweden in 1912 and settled on a homestead in the Provost district, where they raised their family and resided until Mr. Nelson's death, when Mrs. Nelson moved to Edmonton where she made her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Johnson.

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FINNISH FOOTNOTES

A preliminary general meeting of the Finnish Society will be held on December 1st at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Salomaa, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Please keep this date in mind and make it a point to be present.

Mrs. H. Heimonen would like to thank the Finnish Society for the flowers which she received.

Everyone is cordially invited to a coffee party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. Leino, 13555 - 124A Avenue on December 6th, at 6:00 p.m. in commemoration of Finland's Independence Day.

Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. Rama who have donated a lovely scrap book to the club.

Anyone wishing to fill out a Finnish people's historical form and have not yet done so, please contact Mr. O. Virtanen.

My sincerest thanks to the Finnish Society for the flowers it send me during my recent stay in hospital; also, to all my friends and acquaintances who cheered me there with their visits, flowers and gifts.

The 11th Anniversary Smorgasbord and Dance held October 3rd at the Devlin Banquet Room was much enjoyed by a large number of people again this year. During the evening, Mr. J. Rama was presented with an honorary diploma. Also, this year's bursary was presented to Rainer S. Salomaa. Congratulations to Mr. Rama and Rainer Salomaa for the honors well deserved.

Now that the club has a scrap book, we are anxious to begin arranging the various articles in it. Anyone having pictures or negatives of pictures taken at the celebrations and other occasions of the Finnish Society are kindly requested to send them to Mr. O. Virtanen, 11511 - 92 Street or Mr. Virtanen will be more than happy to pick them up personally if you call him at 479-8185. Each picture should have the following information with it: date, place and names of people in the picture. Any newspaper clippings will also be more than welcome. We thank you for your co-operation.

Mr. J. Rama would like to thank the Finnish Society for the honorary diploma he received at the 11th Anniversary Dance.

Swedish School To Be Offered

A course of Sunday School in Swedish will be offered at Augustana Lutheran Church this winter. The instructor will be Miss Ursilla Behrens.

The following details have been established. Classes will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. beginning October 31. Children should be between the ages of 8 and 12 for the course. All children interested in learning songs, prayers and the Christian faith in Swedish are welcome.

NOTICE . . .

Boys and Girls, all ages, who would like to play Handball are welcome to join the Freja Handball Club. Training takes place every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. in Queen Elizabeth High School, 9425 - 132 Avenue. Hope to see you next Tuesday — everybody can join.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebrated

Recent residents of Edmonton and popular members of Skandia Lodge, Sig and Alice Johnson, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on October 17th at their home in Minburn, Alberta.

Guests from Edmonton were their son, Bruce, their son-in-law and daughter, Wayne and Winnie Sarginson, Don and Evelyn Johnson, Sid and Pat Johnson, Emil Johnson, Emil Johnson, Lena Richards, Ken and Betty Nixon, Eric and Hansene Pierre, Henry and Linnea Lodge, Bud and Gertrude Holmgren, Harold and Minnie Markstrom and Margaret Eliasson. Friends from Minburn were also present.

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